

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-17. (Canceled).

18. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering a message to a user with an electronic account, comprising the steps of:

receiving the message directed to the user with the electronic account, where the message includes an electronic address associated with the user's electronic account and a non-standardized physical address of the user, ~~and wherein the non-standardized physical address includes a physical street address, a city name, a state name, and a 5-digit ZIP code;~~

determining a standardized physical address of the user from the electronic address using an address database;

determining a preferred address of the user, the preferred address being one of the electronic address and the standardized physical address; and

delivering the message to the user, ~~wherein the standardized physical address includes a 9-digit ZIP Code~~ at the preferred address.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, ~~further comprising the step of: delivering the message to the user at~~ wherein the preferred address is the electronic address.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, ~~further comprising the step of:~~
~~delivering the message to the user at~~ wherein the preferred address is the
standardized physical address.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of:
informing a sender of the standardized physical address.
22. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the address database is a United
States Postal Service address database.
- 23 - 49. (Canceled).
50. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented system for delivering a
message to a user with an electronic account, comprising:
a computer comprising:
a receiving component configured to receive the message
directed to the user with the electronic account, where
the message includes an electronic address
associated with the user's electronic account and a
non-standardized physical address of the user, ~~and~~
~~wherein the non-standardized physical address~~
~~includes a physical street address, a city name, a~~
~~state name, and a 5-digit ZIP code;~~
a determining component configured to determine a
standardized physical address of the user from the
electronic address using an address database;

a component to determine a preferred address of the user,
the preferred address being one of the electronic
address and the standardized physical address; and
a message delivering component configured to deliver the
message to the user, ~~wherein the standardized~~
~~physical address includes a 9-digit ZIP Code at the~~
preferred address.

51. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 50, wherein the ~~computer further~~
~~comprises: an electronic address delivering component configured to deliver the~~
~~message to the user at~~ preferred address is the electronic address.

52. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 50, wherein the ~~computer further~~
~~comprises: a physical address delivering component configured to deliver the~~
~~message to the user at~~ preferred address is the standardized physical address.

53. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 50, wherein the computer further
comprises:

an informing component configured to inform the sender of the
standardized physical address.

54. (Original) The system of claim 50, wherein the address database is a United
States Postal Service address database.

55-68. (Canceled).

69. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer usable~~ computer-usable storage medium having ~~computer-readable~~ computer-readable code embodied therein for delivering a message to a user with an electronic account, the ~~computer-readable~~ computer-readable code comprising:

a receiving module configured to receive the message directed to the user with the electronic account, where the message includes an electronic address associated with the user's electronic account and a non-standardized physical address of the user, ~~and wherein the non-standardized physical address includes a physical street address, a city name, a state name, and a 5-digit ZIP code;~~

a determining module configured to determine a standardized physical address of the user from the electronic address using an address database;

a module to determine a preferred address of the user, the preferred address being one of the electronic address and the standardized physical address; and

a message delivering module configured to deliver the message to the user, ~~wherein the standardized physical address includes a 9-digit~~ ZIP Code at the preferred address.

70-75. (Canceled).

76. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented system for delivering a message to a user with an electronic account, comprising:

a computer for executing instructions, the instructions comprising:

means for receiving the message directed to the user with the electronic account, where the message includes an electronic address associated with the user's

electronic account and a non-standardized physical address of the user, ~~and wherein the non-standardized physical address includes a physical street address, a city name, a state name, and a 5-digit ZIP code;~~

means for determining a standardized physical address of the user from the electronic address using an address database;

means for determining a preferred address of the user, the preferred address being one of the electronic address and the standardized physical address; and

means for delivering the message to the user, ~~wherein the standardized physical address includes a 9-digit ZIP-Code~~ at the preferred address.

77 - 78. (Canceled)

79. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering a message to a user with an electronic account, comprising the steps of:

receiving the message directed to the user with the electronic account, where the message includes an electronic address associated with the user's electronic account and a non-standardized physical address of the user, ~~and wherein the non-standardized physical address includes a physical street address, a city name, a state name, and a 5-digit ZIP code;~~

determining a delivery point identification key using the electronic address, wherein the delivery point identification key points to a location in

an address database, the location associated with a standardized physical address of the user;

determining a preferred address of the user, the preferred address being one of the electronic address and the standardized physical address; and

~~delivering the message to the user at the standardized physical address, the delivering based on the delivery point identification key, wherein the non-standardized physical address includes a 5-digit ZIP Code and the standardized physical address includes a 9-digit ZIP Code preferred address.~~

80 - 85. (Cancelled)

86. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented system for delivering a message to a user with an electronic account, comprising:

a computer comprising:

a receiving component configured to receive the message directed to the user with the electronic account, where the message includes an electronic address associated with the user's electronic account and a non-standardized physical address of the user, ~~and wherein the non-standardized physical address includes a physical street address, a city name, a state name, and a 5-digit ZIP code; and~~

a determining component configured to determine a delivery point identification key using the electronic address, wherein the delivery point identification key points to a location in an address database, the location

associated with a standardized physical address of the user;

a component configured to determine a preferred address of the user, the preferred address being one of the electronic address and the standardized physical address; and

a delivering component configured to deliver the message to the user at the ~~standardized physical~~ preferred address, ~~wherein the standardized physical address includes a 9-digit ZIP Code.~~

87 - 91. (Cancelled)